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**S.J.R. No. 47**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 1-n to read as follows:

*Sec. 1-n. (a) The legislature by general law may exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County.*

*(b) The legislature may impose additional requirements for qualification for an exemption under this section.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2001. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

Adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0, one present, not voting; adopted by the House on May 17, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present, not voting.

Filed with the Secretary of State May 21, 2001.

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**S.J.R. No. 49**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

proposing a constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 46 to read as follows:

*Sec. 46. (a) In this section, "fee" means a fee in a criminal or civil matter all or a portion of which is required to be collected by local officers, clerks, or other local personnel and remitted to the comptroller of public accounts for deposit in the manner provided for in the law imposing the fee.*

*(b) This section applies only if the legislature enacts by law a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of fees.*

*(c) A fee imposed by the legislature after the enactment of the program described by Subsection (b) of this section is valid only if the requirements relating to its collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting conform to the program.*

*(d) A fee to which this section applies may take effect on a date before the next January 1 after the regular session at which the bill adopting the fee was enacted only if the bill is passed by a record vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature on final consideration in each house.*

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**S.J.R. No. 49, § 2**

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2001. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

Adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, one present not voting; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, one present not voting; adopted by the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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